Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related birth defects are recognized as the leading known cause of mental retardation in the western world; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of alcohol-related birth defects is estimated at two per 1,000 live births, and considered to be one of the most frequently occurring birth defects; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related birth defects are not curable, but are one hundred precent preventable; and,

WHEREAS, The burden for controlling alcohol-related birth defects lies not only with the parents, but in the education of the family and community about the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14 through 20, 1989, as

ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE